

ANNEX I: INTEREST IN TECHNOLOGY DIFFUSION

1. Within the Federal Government

The following partial list of studies currently underway within the federal government indicates the wide scope of interest in this and related subjects.

- (a) Science Council of Canada - Review of the Science Counsellor Network.
 - Preliminary reported expected by July and final report this fall.
- (b) Science Council of Canada - seminar on Foreign Direct Investment and Industrial Development, scheduled for October 15.
- (c) MOSST - Technology Diffusion
 - Study of the various ways in which technology diffusion occurs to within and between sectors in Canada, and into Canada from abroad.
 - One aspect that is now being addressed is an industry survey to determine the mechanisms used by firms to access technology and the extent to which these mechanisms meet their needs.
- (d) MOSST - Task Force on Federal Policies and Programs for Technology Development (Wright Commission)
 - To review and recommend improvements to federal policies and programs related to technology development.
 - Report expected by the end of June.
- (e) FIRA - Review of the 1972 Gray Report on foreign investment in Canada
- (f) DRIE - Strategy papers on innovation and on investment policy
- (g) External Affairs - Review of the PEMD Information System
 - Series of studies on the GATT work program and negotiations, including trade in services.
- (h) External Affairs - Evaluation of the effectiveness of current foreign investment activities at posts abroad.
- (i) Statistics Canada - Science and Technology Indicators
 - This year's version of the Indicators, due to be released in November, will contain more detailed information on technology flows than was contained in previous issues.